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Stop me if I am nuts. Tell me I am jumping to conclusions just to save a preconceived idea for which I am now inextricably bound. Tell me, can I possibly be wrong? What else can I suppose?

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Save me from this if you can, for I am ready to leap on this like a tiger; I've had the taste of Frazier's blood in my mouth for a week, but this is too much.

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